



Field Stripping the AKM

This tutorial was photographed using a Romanian WASR-10



Number	Part Description
1	Charging Handle, Gas Piston, and Bolt Carrier
2	Bolt Assembly
3	Recoil Spring Assembly
4	Cleaning Rod
5	Receiver Cover
6	Forearm/Gas Tube
7	Receiver and Furniture



1) **Figure 1** shows fully assembled **AKM**.



2) First remove the **magazine** from the **receiver** by pressing the **magazine release** located just in front of the **trigger guard**. Using your free hand, remove the **magazine** from the **receiver**. Next pull back the **charging handle** and assure that the **rifle** is unloaded.



3) Next grab the end of the **cleaning rod**, and pull it away from the **barrel**. The **rod** will bend a little bit but this is normal. Now remove the **rod** from the **barrel**.



4) Using your finger press the **button** on the back of the **receiver**.



5) Pull away the **receiver cover**.



6) With the **receiver cover** removed press the **button** again, this time pushing it forward until it is released from its track.

Then pull the **recoil spring** out of the **charging handle**.



7) Pull the **charging handle** back.



8) Pull the **charging handle** to completely remove it from the **receiver**.



9) Twist the **bolt assembly** and pull it forward to remove it from the **charging handle**.



10) Move to the front of the **receiver**, just before the **forearm** is a **lever**. Move the **lever** to the 10 o'clock position.



11) Pull up on the rear of the **forearm** and pull away from the rifle.



12) Field stripped AKM

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